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SUMMARY: JAPANESE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN MIKIO MIZUTA
MADE 5-POINT PROPOSAL FOR SPECIAL SESSION'S CONSIDERATION:
(A) POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF UN CENTER FOR NATURAL
RESOURCES INFORMATION; (B) EARLY OPERATION OF UN REVOLVING
FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION (HE PLEDGED \$1.5
MILLION GOJ CONTRIBUTION IN 1974); (C) LONG TERM BASIC
RESEARCH ON ENERGY PROBLEM BY UN UNIVERSITY; (D) GOJ HOSTING
OF 4TH SESSION OF ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES;
(E) ESTABLISHMENT OF UN ADVISORY GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS
ON RESOURCES PROBLEMS. MIZUTA, STRESSING INTERNATIONAL
INTERDEPENDENCE AND NEED FOR "DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION"
BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, SAID JAPAN SUFFERED MORE
FROM ENERGY SHORTAGE THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY
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AND RESULTANT SLOW-DOWN IN JAPANESE ECONOMY WOULD

ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPING NATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN ASIA. HE WELCOMED COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE OF OIL PRODUCERS SUCH AS IRAN AND SAID GOJ WOULD "COOPERATE WHOLEHEARTEDLY" WITH INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE PLAN FOR DEALING WITH ENERGY SITUATION. HE EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO POSSIBLE RESURGENCE OF PROTECTIONISM IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE, CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO "TRUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT" OF RECIPIENTS, URGED "FULL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION" AMONG COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN REFORM OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM AND REQUESTED OIL PRODUCERS TO "OBSERVE CERTAIN MODERATION" IN MANAGING THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE ASSETS.

1. CHAIRMAN JAPANESE DELEGATION MIKIO MIZUTA, "REMINDING" GA THAT JAPAN SUFFERED MORE THAN ANY OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRY FROM CURRENT ENERGY SITUATION, EXPRESSED TO UNGA PLENARY APRIL 11 HOPE THAT "WELL TIMED" SPECIAL SESSION WOULD SERVE AS FORUM FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION "THROUGH DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION" TO PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT. MIZUTA ELABORATED ON THEME OF INTERNATIONAL INTERDEPENDENCE BY NOTING SERIOUS EFFECT OF ENERGY CRISIS ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS DEVELOPED ONES AND, AS EXAMPLE, INDICATED THAT ANTICIPATED SLOW DOWN IN JAPANESE ECONOMY WOULD LESSEN JAPAN'S ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN ASIA.

2. MIZUTA CALLED FOR COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO SOLVE RESOURCES PROBLEMS. HE SAID JAPAN RECOGNIZED PRINCIPLE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, BELIEVED "EVERY COUNTRY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO DEVELOP AND WORK FOR ITS OWN PROSPERITY" AND CALLED FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF WAYS TO ECONOMIC AND CONSERVE WORLD'S LIMITED RESOURCES.

3. MIZUTA REQUESTED STRENGTHENING OF UN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR INTEGRATED INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT OF NEW RESOURCES, INCLUDING SEABED DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE SUBSTITUTION. HE CALLED ON UN TO PROVIDE BETTER ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION OF RESOURCE DATA AND TO INCREASE ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FIELD OF RESOURCE EXPLOITATION AND CONSERVATION.

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SPECIFICALLY, MIZUTA RECOMMENDED (1) STUDY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UN CENTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES INFORMATION, (2) EARLY OPERATION OF UN REVOLVING FUND FOR NATURAL RESOURCE EXPLORATION, (TO WHICH HE PLEDGED GOJ CONTRIBUTION OF \$1.5 MILLION IN 1974), (3) BASIC RESEARCH ON ENERGY PROBLEM BY UN UNIVERSITY, (4) JAPAN'S HOSTING 4TH SESSION OF ECOSOC COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND (5) CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF UN ADVISORY GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS ON

RESOURCES PROBLEMS.

4. MIZUTA URGED INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS TO INCREASE BOTH QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF DEVELOPMENTAL ASSISTANCE. IN THIS CONTEXT, MIZUTA NOTED THAT ADDED COSTS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN 1974 RESULTING FROM CRUDE OIL PRICE INCREASES WOULD BE ALMOST DOUBLE TOTAL OF OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN 1972. MIZUTA WELCOMED SUCH POSITIVE INITIATIVES AS THAT OF SHAH OF IRAN AND SAID JAPAN WOULD COOPERATE WITH ANY INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE PLAN PROVIDING INCREASED AID TO DEVELOPING NATIONS HIT HARDEST BY OIL PRICE INCREASES. HE SAID JAPAN, ALTHOUGH POOR IN NATURAL RESOURCES, COULD CONTRIBUTE MOST BY EXPANDING TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. IN BRIEF COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, MIZUTA WARNED AGAINST RESURGENCE OF PROTECTIONISM AS RESULT OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES AND PLEDGED JAPAN'S SUPPORT OF MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. HE ANNOUNCED GOJ SUPPORT OF PRINCIPLE THAT INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT MUST CONTRIBUTE TO TRUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF RECIPIENTS AND WELCOMED STUDY OF POSSIBLE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HE SAID INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING WORLD SHOULD BE GIVEN "DUE CONSIDERATION" IN REFORMING INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM. HE ADDED THAT OIL PRODUCING NATIONS SHOULD OBSERVE "CERTAIN MODERATION" IN MANAGING THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE ASSETS AND, OIL IMPORTERS SHOULD SHOW "CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS" IN COPING WITH PROBLEMS OF LIQUIDITY. HE DECLARED "FULL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION AMONG COUNTRIES CONCERNED" A NECESSITY.

6. COMMENT: JAPANESE MEDIA REP TOLD MISOFF THAT HE FAVORABLY SURPRISED BY NUMBER OF "CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS"

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